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Title : Immunologic Compounds for Prevention, Protection,

Prophylaxis or Treatment of Immunological Disorders...

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2008 in the aboveidentified patent application.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species, Applicants hereby elect the species of cells treated with compound I, namely, 2'-(6-amino-4,5-dibromo-3-imino-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester hydrobromide. This species election is made without traverse. All claims of the application read on the elected species or its use, including specifically claims 49-52, which were previously elected in response to the restriction requirement.

Favorable action on the application is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the examination of the application.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 029049.57806US).

Respectfully submitted,

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